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A WESTERN LETTER.

Couched in the Peculiar Characteristic Language of a Westerner.

BARR CITY, COLO., Jan. 27, 1890.
Barr City is a beautiful little town, eighteen miles north of Denver, and is situated on the B. & M. railroad. I have made this place my home eleven months. Like the climate and people extremely well. There are plenty of amusements of all kinds for young society, but I believe the dance is a little ahead of anything else.

We recently received an invitation to a dance at a dry ranch on Boxelder, a small stream eleven miles west of here, and, sure thing, we took it in. Wm. Wiseman, James Cupp and myself, of Westville, Mo., and James Overton and Wm. Johnson, of Carroll county, Mo., composed our party of Missourians. On the evening of the dance each of us took a bronco and a cart, bundled ourselves up with fur caps, overcoats and lap robes and, with plenty of "nourishment," took our ladies and hit the road. We arrived in due time, were ushered in, relieved of our wraps and shown into the parlor, where there were four card tables, all occupied. There were also two games of checkers in progress. As the music had not yet put in an appearance, my lady and I took a whirl at casso, and after playing a couple of games the violinist came, and, much to my surprise, was a yellow Tennessee coon. He laid off his wraps, backed himself up in a corner, twisted his fiddle's neck, spit in its ears and then commenced to unwind the hornpipes. Hush your fuss! The way that nigger could play was astonishing. A lady thumped the organ. I could not ask for better music. They played just such tunes as our Muscle Fork musicians.

We looked on until the Colorado dudes had danced a couple of sets. They danced just like their backs were stiff, and no matter how fast the music, their feet refused to wag.

Then we Missourians got out on the floor. I told the coon we were from Missouri and for him to give it to us as rough as he could. He laughed and turned loose on a good old hornpipe, and we proceeded to cut the pigeon wing about right. We were all strangers but our style of dancing hit the crowd's taste to a goat's heel, and in less than two hours the ladies were so badly stuck on us that they were following us from one room to another.

We danced until 11:30 o'clock, when we were called in to supper, and it was as fine a supper as I ever dined on.

After supper my girl and I played another game of casso, and then we took another dance. I told the coon to give us the Arkansas Traveler. He grinned and went at it red-eyed. Will Wiseman called the changes and we began to sift sand. In less than two minutes and a half the doors and windows were full of people of all ages to watch us hit the buck. They came in from the games, and the old women, although very hungry, left their supper, came in, backed themselves up in a corner of the room and began to cry, they were so sorry they were not young. The old men said we were world-beaters.

At 3 o'clock the dance wound up with a jig dance by an Irish lady and myself. But before starting home we had to kiss all of the young ladies good night, shake hands with all the old ladies, and promise to come to see their daughters every Sunday.

The manager of the dance wanted to pay us for our presence, but I told him that we were not built that way.

JOHNNY—Mamma, what's the use of keeping the whip you use on me behind the motto "God bless our home?"

Mamma—Can you suggest a better motto?

JOHNNY—Yes, put it behind the motto "I need Thee every hour."

NEWSPAPER subscribers in arrears should bear in mind that a dun is not an impeachment of their integrity, but simply an outcropping of a publisher's necessity. For instance, a thousand men owe him from two to four dollars each. It is a small amount to each individual, but to the publisher the aggregate is large. Instead of becoming indignant because the publisher asks for his honest dues, the delinquent should be grateful to him for waiting so patiently, and pay up like a man.

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Fulfill Your Promises.

There is no lesson the young business man needs to learn more thoroughly than the value of good reputation and good credit. These cannot be won and kept by false pretenses of any kind, but must be earned by a strict observance of contracts, agreements and promises. The man whose word is "as good as his bond" is the man who has inspired confidence in himself by always doing that what he has promised to do. He is also, as a rule, cautious about entering into obligations, chary about making promises that he may not be able to fulfill. If too prodigal in the latter respect one cannot hope to keep faith at all times. A man who is or intends to be honest sometimes loses credit and reputation simply because he is too hopeful. Counting with too great confidence on uncertainties, he makes promises that he cannot fulfill because of the failure of the event on which they were predicted. He voluntarily fixes the date for the payment of a debt, and finds too late something has gone wrong, so that he cannot meet his obligation. Such an accident may happen to any man. Upon the way in which he meets the unexpected trouble depends how his reputation shall stand afterwards. If he can fulfill his promise at any personal sacrifice he should do so; failing that, he should endeavor to keep his word by borrowing elsewhere, thus gaining time for the final discharge of his obligation. But if he cannot do either he should go as soon as possible to his creditor and secure an extension by frankly telling him the state of affairs, thus renewing instead of breaking his promise. The one essential thing is to keep good faith, or come as near to it as possible. The worst possible course is to let time run on until his creditor begins to press him on an obligation long overdue. It is too late then for explanations or renewals. His credit is gone, his reputation is broken down. His after promises are distrusted, though they may be grudgingly accepted. He may for years after thus shattering faith in himself pay promptly and keep his word, but there will remain the lingering feeling of distrust born of one failure to keep faith or explain in advance the reason why it could not be kept. An engagement of any kind should be held sacred, and thus good reputation which is of slow growth, may be gradually built up, for he who keeps his at all times becomes respected and is trusted. The young man cannot learn too early in life his responsibility to himself and others. He is to make his reputation by what he says and does, and at the out set should have a high regard for truth, which carries with it honesty and insures a prompt and complete fulfillment of all engagements. He should not allow a careless habit with money to grow upon him, but should pay all his bills promptly. There is an implied promise to pay at the end of the month, or when the bill may be presented, even though there has been engagement to do so made in so many words, and it is a good practice to keep these implied as well as all other promises with scrupulous care. Such a course will in time establish a reputation whose value cannot be measured by money, besides developing useful habits and keeping one free from oppression and grinding debts.—Baltimore Sun.

A Parrot's Bad Break.

The little, round, fat man with the gurgling laugh, tells another one and declares his willingness to make the usual affidavit to its truth. It occurred in war times in Charleston, when that city was under martial law. Just then flour was a scarce article and several of the bakers succumbed to temptation and made short-weight bread. This came to the ears of the authorities and the provost marshal was armed with a pair of scales and sent around to the baker-shops early every morning to weigh the bread as it was taken from the ovens. All short-weight bread was found and carried away. This summary method of procedure had a good effect, and after a few confiscations, the provost marshal usually found all things regular. One morning a certain one of the bakers received the usual call from the marshal and his bake was taken from the oven, weighed and found correct to an ounce. But during the night this man had surreptitiously baked a quantity of light-weight bread and stowed it away under the counter. Just as the marshal and his detail were leaving the shop a pet parrot perched upon the top of a big cage called out: "Look under the counter." The marshal did so, discovered the light-weight bread and carried it away, after giving the baker a sound lecture. The man was so mad at his parrot that after the soldiers had gone he reached for the treacherous bird, wrung his neck and threw him out into the gutter. But Polly was not dead by any means. In a few moments he opened one eye, ruffled up his feathers like a man does before he has had his morning cocktail, and staggered about rather blindly in the gutter until he came upon the carcass of a dead dog. Polly cocked his eye at the defunct canine and then said: "Say, partner, did you say anything about that damn bread?"

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Ask Your Druggist for it.

Mrs. MARY EDWARDS, wife of a Maysville, S. Dak., farmer, discovered that her husband had mortgaged their quarter section to pay a whisky bill contracted at a "blind pig," which corresponds to the hog-tie or joint of bleeding Kansas. She realized the long yell and assembled eight other ladies whose husbands had trafficked with eyeless swine, and they sallied forth armed with pickaxes and hatchets. Before noon the determined women had broken up several "blind pigs" and destroyed their fixtures and furniture. The proprietors offered but a feeble resistance, being taken by surprise. A large mob accompanied the women on their rounds and cheered them on.

GROVER CLEVELAND, in discussing the tariff question to a Missouri newspaper man, said: "I was genuinely pleased to find in Boston, among men who are constitutionally conservative, a degree of earnestness and fervor beyond that of men engaged in politics. From my observations there and in New York, and from my correspondence, I conclude that the thinking men of the nation are massed almost solidly on the side of tariff reform. Whatever may be our ups and downs there is no danger as to the destiny of a party which absorbs the best brains, intelligence and honesty of thought and the cause which draws these elements to it, support is sure of ultimate triumph."

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